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Docket No. NEC03P167-Mlc (WAK.120)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Seiji Kachi

Serial No.: 10/715,471

Group Art Unit: 2617

Filed: November 19, 2003

Examiner: Phuong, Dai

For: METHOD OF LIMITING COMMUNICATION ACCESS BETWEEN
WIRELESS LAN TERMINALS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary of August 31, 2009, Applicant submits the following:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicant's representative would like to thank the Examiner for courtesies extended in the personal interview conducted on August 25, 2009.

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTOL-413) dated August 31, 2009 was provided by the Examiner. Applicant submits that the Examiner erroneously checked the box marked "telephonic" when the interview was a personal interview.

Applicant submits this Statement to comply with the requirements of M.P.E.P. 713.04.

In the interview, the following was discussed:

A. Identification of claims discussed:

Claim 1.

B. Identification of prior art discussed:

Walke et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,095,722) (hereinafter Walke),

Margon et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0214933) (hereinafter Margon).

C. Identification of principal proposed amendments:

The Examiner indicated that he would prefer an additional limitation brought into independent claims to further define the "wireless LAN terminals." Applicant's representative suggested language such as "*said wireless LAN terminals comprising a first wireless LAN terminal and a second wireless LAN terminal, wherein the first wireless LAN terminal and the second wireless LAN terminal are wirelessly connected,*" as well as amending claim 1 to include dependent claim 2.

D. Brief Identification of principal arguments:

Walke is directed a packet transfer radio system where mobile terminals are utilized

as relay stations to extend the range of a packet transferring radio base station. Contrary to the allegations of the Examiner, however, Walke does not teach or suggest the alleged elements of the claimed invention.

In addition, the Examiner admits that Walke does not teach or suggest allocating different subnetwork addresses to respective wireless LAN terminals in a wireless LAN access point, and alleges that Margon would make up for Walke's admitted deficiency.

With respect to Margon, the Examiner alleges that Margon is an analogous art and that Margon teaches allocating different subnetwork addresses to respective wireless LAN terminals. That is, in particular, the Examiner alleges that because one or more zones can be created that correspond to sub-networks of an IP-network, Margon therefore teaches the claimed invention.

Applicant's representative presented arguments that Walke and Margon, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest every element as recited in independent claim 8. Furthermore, Applicant submits that Walke would not have been combined with Margon because Margon is non-analogous to Walke. Accordingly, Applicant submits that independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

E. Results of the Interview:

The Examiner indicated that the suggested amendments may place the case in condition for allowance pending a further review of the prior art. Otherwise, no agreement was reached regarding the current claims.

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F. Conclusion:

Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,



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